

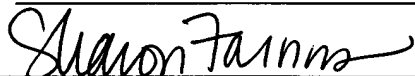
REMARKS

The Office Action noted that Applicant could not claim priority from their Japanese patent application since they had not filed a certified English translation. Applicant is accordingly filing an RCE to provide adequate time to prepare and file the English translation to moot the rejection.

If there are any questions with regards to this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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